

CROSSROADS

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Town Council Meeting
December 14 • 6 p.m.
316 E. Murray St.

Public Hearings in December

At the Wallace Town Council meeting in November, Council members received an update on various ongoing and planned projects for the airport from Airport Manager Ben Jones. Many of the projects are contingent on the road relocation, which is anticipated to start sometime in early 2024.

A request for voluntary annexation was on the agenda as well. The parcel for consideration is 158 acres situated to the south of Wallace, positioned between Rockfish Creek and Interstate 40 in Pender County. The Town Clerk is tasked with investigating the sufficiency of the annexation request. A public hearing has been slated for December 14 to address this matter.

Additionally, Rod Fritz, the Planning Director, shared the planning board's proposal concerning modifications to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). These changes pertain to imposing restrictions on the permissible locations for tobacco/vape shops within the town's boundaries. The planning board recommends prohibiting such establishments from locating within 1,000 feet of schools, parks, greenways, residences, or similar retail outlets. Fritz suggested setting a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed changes. This hearing is also scheduled for December 14.

Holiday Happenings

In addition to the Wallace Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Parade being held December 9, 2023 at 10 am, there are two new holiday events taking place after the parade.

Downtown, Santa will be on hand to meet with children. Santa will have additional hours at the Santa House sponsored by the Wallace Area Chamber of Commerce as well.



Santa House Schedule

Christmas Parade 12/9 : 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
12/15 : 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
12/16 : 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
12/22 : 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Wallace Parks & Recreation Presents



Wallace Parks & Recreation is proud to present "Christmas At Clement". Enjoy a fun afternoon for the entire community after the Christmas Parade and some shopping. There will be vendors, pictures with Santa, train rides, games, food and more. All proceeds from this event go to help fund the inclusive play ground at Clement Park! December 9, 2-4 pm at Clement Park.

Paint, Eat & Be Merry: Christmas Pizza and Painting Fun For Kids at Wallace Women's Club

This new event is a fund raiser for the Carolina Strawberry Festival. Join us at the Wallace Women's Club after the Wallace Christmas Parade for Brushes and Bites! Unleash your inner artist and enjoy delicious pizza at our Christmas Painting Party for Kids! For \$35, you can choose to paint 3 ornaments or 1 picture. Pizza included. December 9, 11 am-2pm Payment due day of event at door. Cash and card accepted.



Month at a Glance

Wallace Area Chamber of Commerce
Christmas Parade
December 9 • 10 am

Christmas at Clement
December 9 • 2-4 pm

Kids Night Out
December 15 • 5:30-9:30 pm



Thelma Dingus Bryant Library
409 West Main Street • Wallace
December Storytime

Thursday at 10:30 am
December 7 - Christmas Trees
& Cookies
December 14 - Ornaments
December 21- Christmas

Libby - Your Online Library!

To use Libby, download the Libby app to your device and sign in using your Thelma Dingus Bryant Library card. Browse the available items, borrow them and enjoy them on Phones, tablets, and Kindles can be used and audio books can play in the car if you have Bluetooth capability.

Second Saturday at the Depot

206 SW Railroad St. • Wallace

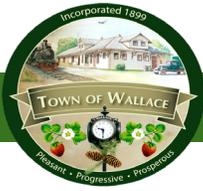
The Wallace Train Depot will be open on the **second** Saturday of the month from 10 am-Noon! The Model Train Room will be open with an interactive layout that allows children to help run the trains, and the new outdoor Garden Railroad will also be running- weather permitting. The Learning Station at the Depot will be open with lots of activities, including the ride'em Thomas the Train and interactive train table. There are books and activity sheets and more every month at this event!



The Wallace Train Depot is available to rent for birthday parties, weddings and wedding events. For information on prices and availability, please contact the Wallace Area Chamber of Commerce at info@wallacechamber.org or (910) 665-9535.

TOWN OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS

Wallace Town Offices will be closed
December 25 • 26 • 27
in observance of Christmas.



Toys for Tots

The Wallace Police Department is one of the collection sites for Toys for Tots this year in partnership with Shackle Free Community Outreach.

The box will be available for donations Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm until 12/13. The giveaway event will take place on 12/16 in Wallace at 208 SE Railroad St.

For application information or to volunteer to help with collection or wrapping e-mail dtphillipsfree1@gmail.com

Chuck Christiansen promoted to WPD Sergeant



Congratulations to newly-promoted Sergeant Chuck Christiansen. Sgt. Christiansen is assigned to the patrol division and will serve as a shift commander. Prior to coming to the Wallace Police Department in 2021, Christiansen served his country for ten years in the United States Marine Corps. We are lucky to have such a strong leader in our ranks. Thank you to Wallace Rotary Club for hosting our ceremony and to Mayor Jason Wells for administering the oath of office.

Vendor Applications are now LIVE for the 2024 CSF

The strawberry plants that will grow the sweet juicy fruit for the 2024 Carolina Strawberry Festival are in the ground... and planning for the event is well under way! Vendor applications are now live on eventeny.com- the deadline for all categories is April 1, 2024. The applications available are for Food Vendors, Non Profit Vendors, Exhibitors and Artists. There are easy to find links to contact the festival committee with any questions. The 2024 festival dates are May 3 & 4.



With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays do you need some time to Christmas shop or just have a night out without the kids? Bring them out to Wallace Parks & Recreation for a night of fun. No need to fix dinner, we got you covered! Pizza, games, crafts and pictures with the Grinch! The event is open for children ages 5-12. Spots are limited, and pre-registration is required. The event will be held at the Campbell Center, and the price is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional sibling. To make your children's reservations, call Jessica Lening at the Wallace Parks & Recreation office at 910-285-2905.



Who To Call

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